# Wilmington City Council



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# Summary of City Council Proceedings: February 3, 2011

Norman D. Griffiths, President

Council Members: Charles Potter, Jr. Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II Eric D. Robinson Hanifa G.N. Shabazz Samuel Prado Kevin F. Kelley, Sr. (Pres. Pro Tempore) Paul F. Ignudo, Jr. Stephen L. Martelli Michael A. Brown, Sr. Charles M. "Bud" Freel Loretta Walsh Justen A. Wright

Public Speaker and their topic: Thomas Nicastro - abortion clinics; Basha Silverman, Rita Devlin Salvo - needle exchange; Mendelakhan - Citizens for Just Government; Nicole Collins - abortion clinic regulations; Bess A. McAnevy - DE Nurses for Life

# Council President Norman D. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Council President Norman D. Griffiths, Council Members Charles Potter, Jr., Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II, Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Samuel Prado, Kevin F. Kelley, Sr., Paul F. Ignudo, Jr., Stephen L. Martelli, Michael A. Brown, Sr., Charles "Bud" Freel. Loretta Walsh and Justen A. Wright

\*\* Upon a motion of Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Freel, Council suspended the rules for the purpose of swearing in Mr. Eric D. Robinson. Ms. Maribel Ruiz, City Clerk, performed the oath of office.

It was duly noted to mark Councilman Robinson present.

#### NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Potter/Congo - Recognize Howard High School Basketball Legends Kenneth Hynson and Decoursey Jamison

## **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### POTTER

**Res. 11-005** A Resolution Respectfully Encouraging Mayor James M. Baker to Honor the Legacy of Representatives Al and Hazel Plant by Sub-naming Eastlawn Avenue as "Al and Hazel Plant Way" by Executive Order **Action:** The Resolution pass wiht 12 yeas, 1 present (Prado) and 0 nays.

#### **SHABAZZ**

#3477 Ord. 11-004 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code As Amended by Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 10-066 As Amended, by Amending Section 37-226 Regarding Various Limited Parking Requirements in Downtown Parking Areas "X, Y & Z", the Boundaries Thereof and the Student Parking Requirements (1st & 2nd Reading) Action: The Ordinance was referred to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

#### **PRADO**

**43466 Ord. 11-001** To Enact Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations for the City of Wilmington (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading) **Action:** The Ordinance passed with 13 yeas and 0 nays.

## **IGNUDO**

**Res. 11-006** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Prospective Properties at the February 8, 2011 New Castle County Sheriff Sale **Action**: The Resolution passed with 10 years and 3 nays (Congo, Martelli, Brown).

**Res. 11-007** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of 319 Kennebec Street from Anitra Johnson Action: The Resolution passed with 9 yeas and 4 nays (Congo, Martelli, Brown, Wright).

#### **MARTELLI**

**3450 Cond. 10-074** Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code Regarding Variances (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading) Action: A public hearing was held. The Ordinance passed with 12 yeas and 1 nay (Potter).

## **FREEL**

#3470 Ord. 11-002 Authorize the Annual Reconciliation of Accounts by Transferring Funds to Various Offices and Departments in the City of Wilmington to Fulfill Obligations for the Remainder of the 2010\*Fiscal Year (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)
Action: The Ordinance passed with 11 yeas and 2 nays (Congo, Walsh).

**43471 Ord. 11-003** Amend Chapter 39 of the City Code Regarding Firefighters' Pension Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading) **Action:** The Ordinance passed with 13 yeas and 0 nays.

**Transfortation Committees**#3480 Ord. 11-005 An Ordinance to Authorize Capital Projects of the City of Wilmington Relating to Upgrades and Improvements to the City's Porter and Brandywine Filter Water Treatment Plants; Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2011-SRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for such Projects; Providing for the Sale of the Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (1st & 2nd Reading) Action: The Ordinance was referred to the Finance and the Public Works & Transfortation Committees.

#3481 Ord. 11-006 An Ordinance to Authorize Capital Projects of the City of Wilmington Relating to Upgrades and Improvements to Various Water Mains Throughout the City; Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2011A-SRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for such Projects; Providing for the Sale of the Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (1st & 2nd Reading) Action: The Ordinance was referred to the Finance and Public Works & Transportation Committees.

#### **WRIGHT**

**Res. 11-008** A Resolution Respectfully Encouraging the Delaware General Assembly to Reauthorize Delaware's Needle Exchange Program and to Change its Status from "Pilot" to "Permanent" **Action:** The Resolution passed with 13 yeas and 0 nays.

# **Petitions and Communications**

Council Members announced committee and civic meetings, community events, and offered condolences and get well wishes to families in their district.

The Meeting adjourned at p.m. Next Meetings, February 17, and March 3, 2011

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